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SUBJECT: APCAC LETTER TO CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN ON INDOCHINA

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FOR NAC AGENCIES

PASS TREASURY FOR BUSHNELL

U.S. DIRECTOR HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT FOLLOWING LETTER DATED
DECEMBER 3, 1975 FROM NEWLY-ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ASIA-PACIFIC
COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (AFCAC) IN TOKYO
WAS SENT TO CONGRESSMAN OTTO E. PASSMAN WITH IDENTICAL LETTERS
ALSO BEING SENT TO MEMBERS OF HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN
OPERATIONS AND SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON FOREIGN OPERATIONS:

QUOTE.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PASSMAN:

I AM WRITING TO YOU IN MY CAPACITY AS THE NEWLY-ELECTED
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CHAIRMFNNOF THE ASIA-PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS

OF COMMERCE (AFCAC), WHICH REPRESENTS THE VIEWS AND OPINIONS
OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN RESIDING IN ASIA-PACIFIC.

WE WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THIS REGION HAVE STRONGLY
SUPPORTED THE VITAL ROLE PLAYED BY THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT
BANK AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES AND SERVICES IN
LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO WHICH IT CONTRIBUTES.

WHILE FULLY RECOGNIZING THE RECENT POLITICAL/MILITARY
CHANGES IN INDOCHINA, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT A STRONG
ECONOMIC PRESENCE IS STILL VERY MUCH REQUIRED TO AID
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA AND ITS PEOPLE. IF THE
UNITED STATES IS NOT PREPARED TO VENTURE INTO THIS
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE UNDERTAKEN
BY OTHER INFLUENTIAL NATIONS, PARTICULARLY JAPAN AND
FRANCE.

APCAC'S POSITION IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE ASIAN
DEVELOPMENT BANK CONTINUING TO MAKE LOANS TO
LAOS, PREFERABLY WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. DIRECTOR.
ALTHOUGH VIET NAM AND THE KHMER REPUBLIC ARE NOT
PRESENTLY INVOLVED WITH THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK, WE
BELIEVE THAT A KEY CONDITION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
A STRONG, INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL ASIA IS A DIRECT AND
OPEN DIALOGUE, ACCOMPANIED BY TRADE BETWEEN THE U.S.
AND COUNTRIES OF THE REGION. FURTHERMORE, APCAC FEELS
THAT REMOVAL OF OBSTACLES TO TRADE WOULD MATERIALLY
CONTRIBUTE TO POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STABILITY. TO
THIS END, ON THE BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE INDOCHINA STATES SHOULD
MOVE TO BRING ABOUT A SMOOTH AND RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF
TRADE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY YOURS,
EDWIN W. BEEBY
CHAIRMAN

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